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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS'
LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Ajello, Keable, Fellela, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: January 26, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators'
2 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-10-33. Records to be kept by the division of motor vehicles.**

4 (a) The division of motor vehicles shall file every application for a license received by it
5 and shall maintain suitable indexes containing, in alphabetical order:

6 (1) All applications denied and on each application shall note the reasons for the denial;

7 (2) All applications granted; and

8 (3) The name of every licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked and after
9 each name shall note the reasons for the action.

10 (b) The division of motor vehicles shall also file all accident reports and abstracts of
11 court records of convictions received by it under the laws of this state. The division shall maintain
12 convenient records or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of each licensee
13 showing the convictions of that licensee and the traffic accidents in which the licensee has been
14 involved shall be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the division of motor
15 vehicles upon any application for a renewal of license and at other suitable times.

16 (c) The division of motor vehicles shall not, absent a court authorized search warrant,
17 provide, share, or give any photograph or digital image of any applicant for an operator's license
18 or chauffeur's license or of any person who possesses an operator's license or chauffeur's license

1 [to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other federal law enforcement agency or division](#)
2 [thereof.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prevent the division of motor of vehicles from giving any photograph or
2 digital image of an applicant or holder of an operator's or chauffeur's license to the Federal
3 Bureau of Investigation or any other federal law enforcement agency absent a court authorized
4 search warrant.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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